

PHARMACY BOARD[657]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147.76, the Board of Pharmacy hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 6, “General Pharmacy Practice,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The amendment was approved at the September 13, 2011, regular meeting of the Board of Pharmacy.

The proposed amendment clarifies the required placement of a notice informing patients that the pharmacist is required to discuss with the patient any new prescriptions dispensed to the patient. The amendment also defines the instances when patient counseling is required.

Requests for waiver or variance of the discretionary provisions of Board rules will be considered pursuant to 657—Chapter 34.

Any interested person may present written comments, data, views, and arguments on the proposed amendment not later than 4:30 p.m. on October 25, 2011. Such written materials may be sent to Terry Witkowski, Executive Officer, Board of Pharmacy, 400 S.W. Eighth Street, Suite E, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-4688; or by E-mail to terry.witkowski@iowa.gov.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 155A.13.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend rule 657—6.14(155A) as follows:

657—6.14(155A) Patient counseling and instruction. Every general pharmacy located in Iowa shall post in ~~the~~ every prescription pickup area, including in every drive-through prescription pickup lane, in a manner clearly visible to patients, a notice that Iowa law requires the pharmacist to discuss with the patient any new prescriptions dispensed to the patient. The board shall provide a general pharmacy with the required signage. A pharmacy that provides no direct patient access to the pharmacy department, commonly referred to as a “closed-door pharmacy,” shall not be required to post the counseling notice.

6.14(1) Counseling required. Upon receipt of a new prescription drug order, or upon receipt of a change in drug therapy including but not limited to a change of dose, directions, or drug formulation, and following a prospective drug use review pursuant to 657—8.21(155A), a pharmacist shall counsel each patient or patient’s caregiver. An offer to counsel shall not fulfill the requirements of this rule. Patient counseling shall be on matters which, in the pharmacist’s professional judgment, will enhance or optimize drug therapy. Appropriate elements of patient counseling may include:

a. to j. No change.

6.14(2) to 6.14(6) No change.